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Fire restrictions go into effect on Arizona Strip Friday

St. George, UTAH – Due to extreme fire conditions, no open fires, including charcoal, will be allowed outside developed campgrounds and administrative sites on all lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management's Arizona Strip Field Office beginning at 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 25.

Smoking is prohibited except in buildings, vehicles, developed campgrounds and administrative sites. Fireworks, including those labeled "safe and sane," are always prohibited on the Arizona Strip and other public lands. Gas stoves continue to be allowed.

These restrictions apply to BLM and National Park Service lands in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. They also include the BLM's Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

The fire restrictions will remain in effect until the fire danger has been reduced to a level deemed safe.

For the latest information about fires, restrictions and closures on the Arizona Strip and southwestern Utah, call (435) 688-3333.

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